

multiple tours abroad, including in Iraq.

As we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the way Americans like Bryan dedicated themselves to their country following the attacks continues to move and inspire me.

After graduating flight school in 2008, he was assigned as a pilot to the Army Reserve's 7th Battalion of the 158th Aviation Regiment in New Century, KS. He deployed in May 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a CH-47 Chinook pilot.

On August 6, 2011, he gave his life for his country alongside 29 of his brothers in arms when his helicopter was shot down by enemy fire. It remains the single deadliest loss of U.S. forces during the war in Afghanistan.

The ultimate sacrifice he made a decade ago is a painful reminder that freedom is not free. And that it is the solemn duty of our Nation to make certain his sacrifice—and those of all American heroes—are never forgotten.

On Friday, that duty was fulfilled in a particularly special way with the Memorialization Ceremony remembering Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nichols as a fallen hero and beloved member of this community.

As Kansans so naturally do, we have also seen the Hays community continue to keep his legacy at the forefront of our minds, from creating the annual Memorial Ride in his honor to dedicating the new flag pole outside Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in his name.

Shortly after his passing, I was also pleased to support efforts to designate the junction of I-70 and US 183 as the "CW2 Bryan J. Nichols fallen veterans memorial interchange." This designation serves as a reminder to all those who drive by of the heroes who have safeguarded our opportunity to live in the strongest, freest, and greatest Nation in the world.

While Bryan was an American hero to all of us, he was also a son, brother, husband, and dad to those who loved him most. Military service is family service, and I want to recognize his family's sacrifice to this country as well. Thank you.

Our nation is forever indebted to Bryan for his service.

May God bless our servicemembers and their loved ones.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING TENNESSEE OLYMPIANS

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, if the past year has taught us anything, it is that we should cherish the moments of joy and unity many Americans experienced while watching this year's belated Summer Olympics. The athletes who earned a spot on Team U.S.A. have also won a very special place in our history. While many sports fans watch the Games for the

pageantry and spectacle, it is our champions who forge connections with their countrymen and cultivate a sense of pride and patriotism.

It is my honor to recognize the following Tennesseans who did their country proud at the 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics: Erica Bougard, of Memphis; Wes Kitts, of Knoxville; Tennys Sandgren, of Gallatin; Alex Walsh, of Nashville; and Alex Young, of La Vergne.

On behalf of all Tennesseans, I thank these Olympians for their passion, their perseverance, and their stunning displays of athleticism.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CLIFF HARRIS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Cliff Harris, one of the newest inductees into the NFL Hall of Fame for his remarkable football career with the Dallas Cowboys.

Cliff is a proud Arkansan who has spent his life defying odds and demonstrating that hard work and dedication pay off.

Cliff was born in Fayetteville, AR, and grew up in the Hot Springs area where he began his football career as backup quarterback at Hot Springs High School. He earned a scholarship to Ouachita Baptist University—OBU—and followed in his father's footsteps joining the Tiger football team. Cliff was extremely successful on the field where he was an accomplished defensive back and a skilled kick returner. During his time at OBU, he was named to two All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference—AIC—teams and, during his freshman year, helped his team win the 1966 AIC Football Championship.

Despite a stellar college football career, Cliff was not selected in the 1970 NFL draft. That didn't prevent him from pursuing his dream. He participated in the Cowboys training camp and signed as a free agent. Cliff's perseverance paid off as he earned the starting free safety position his rookie year.

His NFL career was postponed when he was called to service in the U.S. Army. Following his military service, Cliff jumped right back into the game and helped the Cowboys earn Super Bowl victories in 1972 and 1978.

Nicknamed "Captain Crash" for his ruthless tackles and ferocious pursuit of ball carriers, Cliff dominated the field and, even today, is heralded as one of the best free safeties to ever play the sport. Hall of Fame head coach George Allen described Cliff as a "rolling ball of butcher knives."

In addition to playing in five Super Bowls, Cliff was named to the Pro Bowl six times and was named a first team All-Pro player for four consecutive seasons. He was named to the Dallas Cowboys' Silver Season All-Time Team, was selected by "Sports Illustrated" as the free safety on the magazine's All-Time Dream Team, was given the NFL Alumni Legends Award, and was the free safety of the All-Decade Team for the 1970s. In 2004, Cliff was inducted

into the Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor. The Cliff Harris Award was named after him and is presented to the top defensive player in small college football each year. Back in Arkansas, Harris's alma mater Ouachita Baptist University honored Cliff by naming its new football stadium the Cliff Harris Stadium.

From backup high school quarterback to two-time Super Bowl champion, Cliff has remained the same hard-working kid from Arkansas. Known for his vast knowledge of the game and strong leadership among the team, Cliff was an extremely well-liked and respected player. As a fellow Arkansan, I looked up to him not only because of his football skills but also his outstanding character both on and off the field.

I applaud Cliff for his outstanding accomplished career that has culminated with a spot in Canton. He deserves this recognition for his perseverance on the field and for the positive example he set for children in Arkansas and all across the country. We honor and salute one of my boyhood heroes who has never let us down.●

#### REMEMBERING ISIDORE B. TORRES

• Mr. PETERS. Madam President, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of a trailblazer, the Honorable Isidore B. Torres, one of the first Hispanic judges in the State of Michigan and a prominent figure within the Michigan Latino community, who passed earlier this year.

Born in 1947 in Texas to Chicano migrant workers, Judge Torres began his life traveling between Texas and Michigan, following whatever work was available, until later in his childhood when his parents settled in Bay City, MI, so their children could receive an education. Once settled, Judge Torres and his siblings were still expected to contribute to the family's well-being and would come home from school to help their mother work in sugar beet fields outside of Bay City.

Upon graduation from Bay City Central High School in 1966, a guidance counselor advised Judge Torres not to pursue a legal education and instead suggested other careers, particularly those that were attached to Hispanic stereotypes and influenced by prejudice. Ignoring other's doubts and racial biases, Judge Torres graduated with his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University in 1973 and later earned his law degree from Wayne State University in 1976.

Beginning his career with Neighborhood Legal Services in Detroit, in 1978, Judge Torres was hired by the city of Detroit as senior assistant corporation counsel and later cofounded the law firm of Torres & Horvath. In 1983, he was appointed by Governor Blanchard to the 36th District Court, where he became the first Hispanic magistrate and later judge in the Wayne County court system.